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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINR

SUBJECT: CAPTURE OF "MOST WANTED" TERRORIST, DR. PLINIO
MATAO MOQUETE

1. DR. PLINIO MATOS MOQUETE, THE LEADER OF THE LEFTIST-
EXTREMIST GROUP MOVIMIENTO LIBERTADOR 12 DE ENERO (ML12E)
AND THE "MOST WANTED MAN" IN THE COUNTRY (A REWARD OF
RD\$20,000 WAS OFFERED FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO HIS ARREST),
WAS CAPTURED BY GODR SECURITY FORCES ON NOVEMBER 2 IN DOWN-
TOWN SANTO DOMINGO. MATOS, ALTHOUGH ARMED, REPORTEDLY DID
NOT TRY TO RESIST.

2. POLICE CHIEF BRIGADIER GENERAL SALVADOR LLUBERES MONTAS
HAS PUBLICLY PROMISED TO PRESENT CHARGES AGAINST MATOS WITHIN
48 HOURS WHILE PRESIDENT BALAGUER HAS GIVEN PUBLIC ASSURANCES
THAT MATOS' PHYSICAL INTEGRITY WILL BE PROTECTED. MEANWHILE,
DR. SALVADOR PITTALUGA NIVAR, ONE OF THE COUNTRY'S LEADING
FIGURES INVOLVED IN ARRANGING EXILE FOR IMPRISONED RADICALS.
HAS REPORTEDLY BEGUN CONVERSATIONS WITH THE GODR TO ARRANGE
FOR MATOS' EVENTUAL DEPORTATION.

COMMENT: MATOS' CAPTURE HAS DEPRIVED THE MOST VIOLENCE-
ORIENTED WING OF THE DOMINICAN LEFT OF ITS PRINCIPAL LEADER,
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THUS DEALING THE ALREADY BADLY SHAKEN AND DIVIDED LEFT ANOTHER

DAMAGING BLOW. AS A RESULT OF HIS CAPTURE, THE POTENTIAL FOR LEFTIST TERRORIST ATTACKS HAS TO A CERTAIN DEGREE BEEN DIMINISHED. NEVERTHELESS, MATOS' IMPRISONMENT MAY STIMULATE HIS TERRORISM-INCLINED FOLLOWERS TO LAUNCH A MAJOR KIDNAP ATTEMPT IN ORDER TO SECURE A VICTIM WHO CAN BE USED AS A NEGOTIATING WEAPON TO BARGAIN FOR THE RELEASE OF THEIR CAPTURED LEADER. ALTHOUGH THERE IS NO WAY OF PREDICTING THE GODR'S ACTION VIS-A-VIS MATOS, THE DESIRE TO AVOID PROVOKING SUCH AN ATTEMPT MIGHT LEAD THE GOVERNMENT TO DECIDE TO EXILE THE ML12E LEADER AS IT HAS RECENTLY DONE WITH A NUMBER OF JAILED LEFTISTS.

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